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SUBJECT: PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR CARIBBEAN GROUP

1. DURING CALL MAY 31 BY DCM AND JOHN GRIFFITH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS, HENRY FORDE, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SAID THAT RECIPIENTS AMONG ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND INDEPENDENCIES OF CARIBBEAN PLAN MEETING AT WORLD BANK JUNE 17 TO FORGE UNITED POSITION AND SELECT SPOKESMAN FOR JUNE 19 CONFERENCE OF CARIBBEAN GROUP. ON JUNE 18 SAME RECIPIENTS WILL CAUCUS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FRENCH AND SPANISH SPEAKING RECIPIENT COUNTRIES OF CARIBBEAN AS WELL AS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

2. BARBADIANS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW NOW WHAT DONORS PLAN TO DISCUSS AT MEETINGS OF SUB-GROUPS WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLENARY SESSIONS OF CARIBBEAN GROUP. THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN, FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER DONORS WILL PROPOSE SPECIFIC PROJECTS WHICH THEY COULD FINANCE. CONTENT OF SUB-GROUP MEETINGS WOULD AFFECT DELEGATIONS WHICH RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WOULD SEND TO WASHINGTON. EMBASSY AGREES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INDICATE WHAT DONORS HAVE IN MIND FOR SUB-GROUP MEETINGS IN ORDER PERMIT SUITABLE
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PREPARATION BY RECIPIENT COUNTRIES OR TO MODERATE EXPECTATIONS AS CASE MAY BE. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. AS OF NOW, BARBADIAN DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY BE: HENRY FORDE, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; A.W. SYMMONDS, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; STEPHEN EMTAGE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND PLANNING; GEORGE REID,

PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING.
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